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SUBJECT: AFRICAN EMBASSIES IN YUGOSLAVIA

1. EMBASSY NOTES THAT WHILE 33 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA, (BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE, DAHOMEY, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GHANA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, IVORY COAST, UPPER VOLTA, KENYA, LIBERIA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITIUS, NIGER, NIGERIA, UGANDA, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALIA, SUDAN, TANZANIA, TOGO, UPPER VOLTA, ZAIRE, AND ZAMBIA), ONLY EIGHT MAINTAIN EMBASSIES IN BELGRADE (CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, GUINEA, SUDAN, TANZANIA, ZAIRE, AND ZAMBIA).

2. FOR MANY COUNTRIES IT IS OBVIOUS THAT BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS AND LACK OF MUTUAL CONNECTIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA WOULD MAKE IT IMPRACTICAL FOR THEM TO MAINTAIN EMBASSIES IN BELGRADE, BUT IN SOME CASES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF NIGERIA, SENEGAL, AND KENYA, WE ARE PUZZLED WHY THEY DO NOT HAVE EMBASSIES HERE. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ELICIT INFORMATION ON SUBJECT FROM OUR AFRICAN CONTACTS HERE, AND WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT COULD COME TO OUR AID IN ANSWERING THIS QUESTION.

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3. FYI : YUGOSLAVIA MAINTAINS EMBASSIES IN CHAD,
CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GHANA, GUINEA,
KENYA, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, SOMALIA, SUDAN, TANZANIA,
UGANDA, ZAIRE, AND ZAMBIA.
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